

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2000
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, Chairman	Prisilla Ferreira-Hernandez for
John Schell for Scott Schrader, Avondale	Terry Ellis, Peoria
*Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Bridget Schwartz-Manock for
*Jon Pearson, Carefree	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	John Kross for Cynthia Seelhammer,
Stuart Brackney, El Mirage	Queen Creek
Paul Nordin, Fountain Hills	*David Easchief, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Shane Dille, Gila Bend	Indian Community
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Kent Cooper, Gilbert	Sintra Hoffman for Bill Pupo, Surprise
Martin Vanacour, Glendale	Shannon Wilhelmsen for John Greco, Tempe
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg
Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park	Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
Kevin Adam for Mike Hutchinson, Mesa	Dick Wright for Mary Peters, ADOT
Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
	Ken Driggs, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lloyd Harrell, Chandler, at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Harrell welcomed the new Town Manager for Gila Bend, Shane Dille.

2. Approval of October 18, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Harrell asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Tom Buick moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2000 Management Committee meeting. Horatio Skeete seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Harrell stated that a timer is available to assist the public with their presentations. He noted that public comments have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute

time period, the red light will come on. He stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, cards are available from the staff who will bring it to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. For the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from DD Barker, who commented on a letter she had sent to staff requesting that a central repository or library of public comment be established at MAG. Ms. Barker indicated that staff had replied that the suggestion was under consideration; however, there was insufficient space to provide a library. She stated that the library would assist the public in increasing awareness of the process. Ms. Barker noted that the MAG publication, MAGAZine, needs to be updated to reflect that the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for those using transit and bike racks are available in the garage for those using bicycles. Chairman Harrell thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that a joint meeting of the MAG Executive Committee and the PAG Regional Council was held in Casa Grande on October 25, 2000. Mr. Bourey stated that transportation funding allocations and needs and new additional funding were discussed. He stated that an effort to extend the county wide sales tax that expires in 2005 as a statewide tax was also discussed. Mr. Bourey indicated that a meeting is scheduled for May 2001 in Tucson to continue discussion of this issue.

Mr. Bourey commented on the State position for the 8-hour ozone nonattainment boundary. He stated that discussions are continuing with the Department of Environmental Quality, ADOT and the Governor's office.

Mr. Bourey stated that a presentation on Emotional Intelligence was given at the ICMA conference in Prescott. He stated that the Emotional Intelligence training and coaching was provided to MAG managers and would be provided to the entire MAG staff. Mr. Bourey stated that he felt that he benefited from this training and will follow up with the consultants for further coaching. Other managers are going to follow up, as well. Mr. Bourey stated that members may be asked to share their thoughts on him or MAG managers with the consultants. He indicated that he would be pleased if they did share their thoughts if contacted.

Mr. Bourey updated members on the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. He said that, although no conclusions have yet been reached, establishment of a new transportation authority, directly elected and responsible for the planning, programming and construction in each region, is being considered.

Mr. Bourey introduced MAG's new receptionist, Twila Irvine, whose predecessor was promoted. Ms. Irvine is a native of Montana.

Mr. Bourey displayed pie charts that showed the proposed funding for the MAG region for the 2002-2006 transportation program recommended by the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee. He stated that the MAG region

will receive 32.5 percent of discretionary funds for FY 2002-2006 and 42.9 percent for the single year allocation for 2006. Mr. Bourey recalled that three years ago, the MAG region received 10.5 percent. The next year's amount was 24 percent and this year was 28 percent. Mr. Bourey stated that the MAG region's share of the funding after deducting funds already allocated to this region is 42 percent.

Mr. Bourey announced that Barbara Goldberg, MAG legal counsel, was leaving to accept a position as a corporate counsel in New Jersey. He expressed his thanks to Ms. Goldberg for her contributions to MAG. Chairman Harrell expressed his appreciation and wished Ms. Goldberg good luck.

Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Harrell stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. Chairman Harrell stated that any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Chairman Harrell noted that items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 were on the consent agenda.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented that compliance with the federal conformity rule 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 says that the public should understand the process. Mr. Crowley stated that at the Early Phase hearing, MAG staff told him he should consult an attorney. Mr. Crowley referred to the map that was attached to agenda item #7, Submission of Applications for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program. He questioned whether bus service would be extended further on 51st Avenue, which extends only from McDowell to Camelback. Mr. Crowley stated that the 1991 plan says that MAG and ADOT should include park and ride lots in the plans for development of freeways, which is not currently being done. Mr. Crowley commented on skullduggery in the alternative fueled vehicle program. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Harrell asked if any member had comments or questions on the consent agenda items. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Ken Driggs moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10. Kent Cooper seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program to add a right-of-way acquisition project for a proposed Gilbert park and ride lot. The project may be categorized as exempt, which does not require a conformity determination.

7. Submission of Applications for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended concurrence with the TCSP applications being submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. In October, the deadline for receiving applications for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation pilot program (TCSP) was announced. The purpose of the TCSP is to provide funding for planning and implementation grants, as well as research to investigate and address the relationship between transportation and community system preservation. To date, three applications have been received. The Transportation Review Committee concurred that the applications be submitted for funding.

8. Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Park and Ride Project

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Gilbert Park and Ride project. On January 19, 2000, the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was amended to include six transit projects. On July 26, 2000, the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP was approved by the MAG Regional Council. Because the project for acquisition of land for the Gilbert park and ride lot was not obligated, it needs to be included in the current TIP. This project may be categorized as exempt for transportation conformity analysis purposes.

9. Approval of the July 1, 2000 Municipality Resident Population Updates

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the July 1, 2000 Municipality Resident Population Updates. MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 2000 Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates were prepared using data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies and a method that has been used over the past ten years. These Municipality Updates were also made consistent with a draft July 1, 2000 Maricopa County Update that were approved by the Regional Council on November 1, 2000.

10. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Grants from the Arizona Community Foundation, Arizona Department of Commerce, Paradise Valley United Methodist Church and Various MAG Member Agencies

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept a \$50,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Commerce, grants totaling \$50,000 from various MAG member agencies, \$1,500 from the Arizona Community Foundation and \$18,000 from the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church to support domestic violence and homeless planning functions approved by the Regional Council. MAG received funding from public agencies to support year-round planning to develop an effective and efficient system of services and housing for our Valley's homeless population. The grants are also to enable the support

needed to develop and submit an application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Stewart B. McKinney Act funds. In addition, MAG received a grant of \$18,000 from the Paradise Valley United Methodist Church to develop a manual related to domestic violence for use by the Valley's clergy. It is necessary to amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds.

11. MAG Regional Congestion Study

Mark Schlappi stated that the 1998 Congestion Study would be used as a base for transportation studies, to calibrate the MAG travel demand model, and supply data for traffic engineering studies. Mr. Schlappi showed a map of the project area and stated that the project quantifies congestion for 110 miles of freeways and 700 major intersections. The next map showed weekday volumes on freeways. Mr. Schlappi mentioned that as many as 264,000 cars pass through downtown Phoenix per day on I-10. Additional maps shown included PM peak hour volumes on HOV lanes and weekday truck traffic on freeways.

Mr. Schlappi showed maps of the Level of Service (LOS) at intersections and on freeway general purpose lanes during the PM peak period. He then showed a version of the LOS on the general purpose lanes in 1989 and noted that congestion has increased. Mr. Schlappi displayed graphs comparing 1989 data to 1998 data for PM peak hour intersections, freeways, roadway capacity miles, growth in population and employment to vehicle miles traveled, and vehicle miles of travel to roadway capacity.

Mr. Schlappi gave a demonstration of an interactive CD that is currently available from MAG. Mr. Schlappi explained that by clicking on the red dot of an intersection or freeway segment, an aerial photograph of the selected area is shown. The photograph can be scrolled in various directions. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Schlappi for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Paul Nordin asked if a forecast of the future congestion had been determined. Mr. Bourey explained that tremendous challenges need to be met and long term future needs must be addressed. He stated that there are many issues driving transportation that require solutions. Roadways and freeways need improvement and transit needs to be increased.

Dennis Smith stated that the new economy presents many new challenges that must be met. Speed is a component of the new economy. He commented on the billion shortfall in transportation funding needed to complete planned projects to maintain the current levels of service. Mr. Smith stated that even if the shortfall is made up, speed will continue to diminish. Mr. Smith commented on the Value Lane Study and how speed could be available in the region if value lanes are implemented.

Prisilla-Ferreira-Hernandez asked how completed freeways would be incorporated into the data. Mr. Schlappi stated that a scope of work is currently being drafted to update the data.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Bill Stephens, who stated that direction back to the central city is needed. He stated that petroleum will run out in 40 to 60 years. Mr. Stephens commented on bullet trains in downtown Phoenix. He commented on a big business look in the warehouse area of downtown Phoenix.

12. Recommendation Encouraging Compliance with Fair Housing Act Accessibility Standards

Leon Manuel, MAG Building Codes Committee Chair, stated that the goal of the Committee in addressing the Fair Housing Act Accessibility provisions was to provide affordable housing for people with disabilities. He indicated that the State law does not go far enough to provide for this. Mr. Manuel clarified that the requested action is to adopt the Fair Housing Act Accessibility Standards by either the Fair Housing Standards or Chapter 11 of the 1997 Uniform Building Codes. Mr. Manuel stated that use of either of these would be accomplished through the alternate design provision of the 1997 Uniform Building Code to use the standard as a policy or an ordinance to adopt the Fair Housing Standards. Mr. Manuel stated that the potential future action of the Committee, within the next nine months, is to adopt the 2000 International Building Code (IBC) with an amendment to Incorporate Fair Housing Act Accessibility Standards.

Chairman Harrell asked if there were any questions. Mr. Skeete asked if the 2000 IBC were adopted, would the amendment also require adoption. Mr. Manuel confirmed that was correct. Sandra Kane, Arizona Attorney General's office, clarified their role to enforce the Arizona Fair Housing Act. She stated that the Attorney General's office is prepared to introduce legislation requiring local building officials to enforce the Fair Housing Act accessibility standards. Ms. Kane indicated that the Uniform Building Code Chapter 11 is not one of the methods recommended by the Attorney General's office. She stated that there are several safe harbors recommended by their office, which include the 1991 Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines, which is not in building code language; the 1996-1998 Design Manual, which is not in building code language; the Code of Regulations for Housing Accessibility (CHRA); and the IBC 2000, as amended.

Stephen Cleveland commented on the inconsistency of the recommended action with the safe harbors recommended by the Attorney General's office. He indicated that further discussion could be required. Chairman Harrell asked if action by the Management Committee was needed today. Mr. Bourey replied that there was not a pressing need. He stated that it was planned by the Attorney General's office to address the Regional Council on this issue at their meeting in December. Bridget Schwartz-Manock stated that the issue could be postponed until the January Regional Council meeting. Suzanne Gilstrap, of the Multifamily Housing Association, indicated that their comment could be delayed until January. Chairman Harrell stated that the issue could be reconsidered by the Building Codes Committee and then brought back to the Management Committee. It was agreed to continue consideration of this agenda item until January.

13. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System Update

Rita Walton stated that in March 2000, the Regional Council recommended that the firm Intellisys Group be selected to implement the MAG Regional Videoconferencing System. On October 2, 2000, MAG was informed by Intellisys Group that its Tempe office had been closed. Intellisys assured MAG that the company would continue to support the RVS from its Denver office and find a local solution for ongoing service and support. On October 9, 2000, Intellisys Group announced that it was selling the assets of the company as a part of their Chapter 11 reorganization. Ms. Walton stated that MAG was assured that the MAG videoconferencing project would be a very high priority. Intellisys Group did not comply with their contractual obligations to MAG. Therefore on November 2, 2000, MAG gave notice of termination to Intellisys with an effective date of November 17, 2000.

Ms. Walton stated that a Request for Proposals was issued on November 7, 2000 to assess the 29 sites and complete the purchase, installation, testing, training, service and support to ensure successful implementation of the project and to provide service and support for three years after system acceptance. She said that on November 14, 2000 the company that holds the performance and payment bond issued to Intellisys was contacted. Ms. Walton reviewed the RFP schedule. A proposers' conference was held on November 14, 2000, and proposals are due November 28, 2000. The proposal evaluation group will meet on November 30, 2000 to review the proposals. Their findings will be presented to the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group at a special meeting on December 1, 2000. It is anticipated that the Telecommunications Advisory Group will make a recommendation to the Regional Council at their December 13, 2000 meeting. A notice to proceed is planned for December 22, 2000 if the recommendation is approved. Ms. Walton stated that due to the timing of this recommendation, it will not be possible to present the recommendation at a Management Committee meeting. However, MAG will ensure that the recommendation of a contractor is sent to Management Committee members as soon as possible to allow them time to provide feedback, if necessary, prior to the Regional Council meeting. Chairman Harrell thanked Ms. Walton for her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Vanacour asked if a time frame for completion of implementation had been determined. Ms. Walton stated that the RFP requests completion within 90 days. Mr. Vanacour asked if any equipment is in use. Ms. Walton replied that the majority of the equipment is operable, however, training has not been received. She indicated that the videoconferencing bridge at MAG is not yet operable, but that point to point videoconferencing between member agencies can be used. Ms. Walton stated that audio conferencing equipment has been in use for three months.

Chairman Harrell recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who expressed concern that sound could be turned off during public comment without the speaker's knowledge. He commented on public comment being heard on action items only. Mr. Crowley stated that Wickenburg was promised implementation of their system first, because of the long distance they have to travel to meetings. He stated that equipment has not yet been installed in Wickenburg. Mr. Crowley commented on ensuring that the public can interplay on the system. Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Harrell announced that in recognition of GIS Day, examples of GIS maps were on display in the second floor lobby. Chairman Harrell introduced and welcomed Jan Dolan, new City Manager for Scottsdale. He reminded members of the December 15, 2000 Management Committee retreat. Chairman Harrell stated that the members would meet immediately following adjournment on the third floor to set the agenda for the retreat. He welcomed all to attend.

There being no further business, Chairman Harrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vanacour moved, Mr. Cooper seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary